



## Jesus said: "Do You Love Me? Then Feed My Sheep."



*On their Pathway to Home*



*Village boys served by Mountain of Hope in Honduras*

*What does*

*Jesus*

*mean by*

*"Feed My*

*Sheep"?*

A

fter going  
through the  
dark night of  
the soul,

Peter was ready to become the Rock as Jesus named him: "You are Peter... and on this rock I will build my church." Peter traveled with Jesus throughout His ministry. He promised his faithfulness as events brought Jesus closer to the cross. Yet, in the night before Jesus' crucifixion, Peter denied Jesus three times; Peter's faith faltered. Where was the Rock that proclaimed to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!"? Peter was there, but he had to learn an important lesson—strength and fortitude do not come from love of self but from love of Jesus.

After Jesus' resurrection, the Lord appeared to Peter with this question: "Peter, do you love Me?" Peter answered,

"Lord, you know that I do." Jesus said, "Then, feed My sheep." (John 21:15ff.) Peter's calling was grounded in his love for Jesus, not love of self. He denied Jesus in order to protect himself. Feeding Jesus' sheep would require that Peter risk his 'self' out of love for Jesus. In the end, Peter became the Rock who was faithful even at risk to his very life. (See Acts 5:17-42)

### **We're Called to Feed His Sheep**

Our commitment to the call to be ministers of the Gospel is only as strong as our love for Jesus. We are first to love Him, and out of that love we are called to feed His sheep. I once had a professor who liked to ask me, "Charlie, do

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## Do You Love Me? (cont.)



By The Rev.  
Charles Holt

you love the Lord today?" What a challenging question asked not only of Peter, not only of me, but also of you. Jesus wants to know from you, "Do you love Me?" When the answer is "Yes, Lord, I love You" His response is: "Then, feed My sheep."

St. Peter's has a number of ministries where we actively reach out to feed His flock. In addition to our Saturday and Sunday worship services, St. Peter's Sunday School and Wednesday Discipleship classes feed His sheep with the Word of God. For several years, Grace 'n Grits has fed the homeless and less fortunate in Sanford as a way of showing Christ's love. St. Peter's is also partnered with Pathways to Home, and has helped several families move from the streets into their own homes. And every year, St. Peter's Mountain of Hope mission team travels to a remote village in Honduras, where we built, fund and operate a medical clinic. In addition, Mountain of Hope has been drilling wells throughout the region, bringing safe drinking water to villages that were previously rife with disease.

### Family Life Center

Here at home, St. Peter's is currently building a new 5000 sq. ft. Family Life

Center. The primary purpose of this is to feed Jesus' sheep and "little lambs". This signals an expanded level of ministry and mission for St. Peter's as this new facility is completed January 2012. However, a new building is just a tool. The ministry tool will only be as effective as the people who use it. Our effectiveness in sharing the Good News is contingent on our love for Jesus.

So again, the Lord asks us, "Do you love me?" Are you committed to Jesus and His kingdom? Do you have a heart-felt relationship with Him so that you will sacrificially give and do whatever Jesus asks of you? If you say "yes" to that call, then join us as we seek to feed Jesus' sheep and serve His little ones.

St. Peter's is entering an exciting new phase of mission in the community. Come heed the call of God to experience and share the joy and love of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and mission.

For worship times, class schedules and to learn more about the ministries we support, visit us on the web at [www.stpeterslakemary.org](http://www.stpeterslakemary.org).

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## Mountain of Hope... A Modern-Day Miracle

Most people are aware that a large part of Jesus' story tells of the miracles He performed. His first miracle was to turn water into wine. Jesus also healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, calmed raging storms, fed thousands from a meager portion of fish and loaves, and even raised his friend Lazarus from the dead. What an awesome testimony to the omnipotent power of God.

### But do miracles still happen?

In Matthew 10:1, Jesus empowered His disciples to go forth and do the same. Is it possible that same power and authority extends to our lives and times? To that I say a resounding yes!

While recently in Honduras with Mountain of Hope on our annual mission trip, I witnessed just such a miracle.



Our well-drilling team, led by Keith Ratchford and a hard working group of local men, had been laboring off and on for two months to drill a new well for the remote village of San Antonio. Located in the mountains of Honduras, San Antonio's water supply was contaminated. Even Keith's 45 years of well drilling experience were challenged daily. Drilling down hundreds of feet through rock and dense clay, the well repeatedly caved in on itself. Twenty-foot lengths of 4" steel rods thread together on a drill bit designed to chew through rock and dirt. At 385' deep, the drill bit separated from the rods. Reacquiring the threads to reattach it at that depth seemed nearly impossible.

As we drove up to the village, Keith worried how we could possibly make this work. When we arrived at the drilling site, Keith decided to attempt one more time to recapture the bit. One

after another, the 20' drill rods were lowered into the well, passing 380' with the 20th rod. Almost immediately, the drill rods aligned with the threads on the drill bit and reconnected.

Immediately prior—back in Quince de Enero — Keith's wife, Terri, had a feeling that

they should pray for the well drillers. So a small group gathered in a circle, and asked God to help the well drillers salvage the well, so He could be glorified. In practically the same instant, the well rods reacquired the bit. Just as the well team was marveling at the accomplishment, they received a call from the group that had prayed. It was clear that nothing done by the well drillers could account for the miraculous success.

Over the coming days, the team finally brought in the well, producing 40 gallons per minute of clean, potable water. The villagers all gathered in a circle with water geysering from a hand-held pipe, children playing in its fountain, and gave glory to God for their water.

Here in America, most of us have taken water for granted our entire lives. However for a village whose well becomes contaminated, it is a different matter. As Keith Ratchford put it: "It's not just water... for them it's life!"



What does it cost to drill a well for a village in Honduras? Less than \$3,000 US. To learn more about Mountain of Hope, and to support this vital ministry, please visit [www.mountainofhope.org](http://www.mountainofhope.org).

— article written by Loren Williams



## Fall Life-Classes begin Wednesday September 7th @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday night classes at St. Peter's include a family-style dinner. Menu varies each week; a \$5.00 donation is suggested. Classes begin at 6:30 pm. Free childcare is provided.

Activities for youth and teens meet from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Middle Schoolers meet Saturdays @ 6:00 pm.



### Discipling our Sons and Daughters (Women)

Taught by Katherine Nedved and Linda Montgomery.

Every mother wants to leave a legacy with their children and longs to have their children grow up to be men and women of faith. This class inspires and challenges women to be intentional in the discipleship of their sons and daughters. You will examine the scriptures of Jesus' example of discipleship and look at how this can be reproduced in our homes.

### Discipling our Sons and Daughters (Men)

Taught by James Nedved and The Rev. Wes Sharp

Now is the time for men to step up and be the leaders God has called them to be in the homes.

Every father wants to be a role model for their kids, to be something they will look up and aspire to. This class inspires and challenges men to be intentional in their role with their family; to model Christ's life with His Disciples.



### Alpha

Taught by The Rev. Charlie Holt

If you have ever thought 'there has to be more to life than what I'm doing right now' then this class is for you. We invite



you to join us for this 12-week journey to investigate the meaning of life and how we can discover our purpose.

Explore questions of faith, Christianity, the Bible, and the Church. You will not only get your questions answered, but you will meet some people who have many of the same questions.



### R:12

Taught by Laura Madison

A 6-week study on one of the most inspiring and challenging chapters of the bible. It's about experiencing God's grace, not earning His love through performance. A real relationship with Jesus Christ will produce a follower whose life looks progressively more like His life. Romans 12 provides a profile of an authentic disciple: someone who is surrendered to God, separate from the world's values, sober in self-assessment, serving in love and supernaturally responds to evil with good.

God is willing to go deeper and grow you into a real disciple... are you ready?





## Purpose Driven Kids

**6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Led and facilitated by: Laurie Mealor and Kimi Schell

PDK Club engages children's minds, bodies and spirits in a format of fun, faith and friendship. We welcome all Kindergarten-5th graders for games, skits, Bible teachings, laughter and ACTION!

## Calling All Singers in Grades One through Eight

St. Peter's is forming a new Youth Choir. Randy Krum, our organist and choirmaster invites first through eighth graders to join us from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the church starting on Wednesday, September 7.

Youth Choir will learn music to sing at Sunday worship. We will also explore drama and use a variety of instruments to energize our music ministry. Please email [randy@splm.org](mailto:randy@splm.org) for more details.



## 7:22 High School

**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Facilitated by Josh Gritter

An open and welcoming setting for high school students looking for Christian fellowship, or who are curious as to what following Jesus is all about. Come out and enjoy a night of fun, discussion and worship as we explore what it looks like to be a disciple of Christ.

## 7:22 Middle School:

**New day and time:**

**Saturday Night 6:00- 7:30 pm**

Facilitated by Josh Gritter

Parents and middle school students... come out and join us as we play various sports and games, develop friendships and build lasting relationships in a Christ-filled community. Our adult volunteers and high school leaders are deeply invested in ministering to middle school students. Students and leaders have a blast participating in various games, followed by beautiful student-led worship with a scripture-centered message and small group time that allows the students to dissect the message. We meet in Barge Hall, and there is no cost. All middle school students are welcome to attend!



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## Fall Sunday School Classes – begin Sunday Sept. 11th @ 10:00 am

Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 am; 11-week series:



### Something's Brewing

Bring your coffee and your questions to join in a roundtable discussion involving many of the current events from around the globe. This class is laid back and designed to help those involved in the discussion put things into the perspective of a Christian Worldview.



### Journey – “Adult Confirmation”

Taught by The Rev. Dane Wren

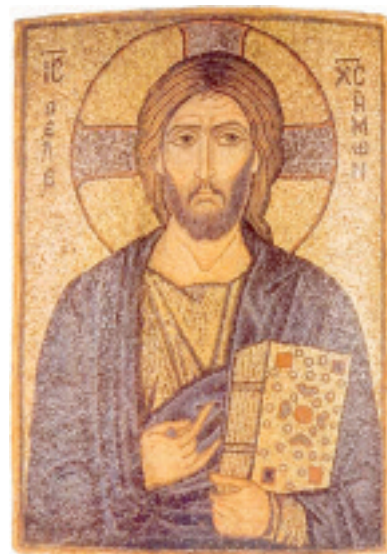
This class is designed to help you continue in your understanding and commitment to the Lord. You will take an in depth look at what the call of every Christian is and how Jesus makes it possible for us to succeed in that call. You will also explore some of the aspects of the Episcopal Church and meaning behind why we do the things we do here at St. Peter's. At the conclusion of the class you will confirm your faith in Christ before the church and the Bishop. This is a very special and important part in of our Christian formation.

### Pursuit of God

Taught by Kent Madison

A class looking at a Christian classic that everyone should read. On a train trip from Chicago to Texas in the late 1940's, A.W. Tozer began to write *The Pursuit Of God*. He

wrote all night, the words coming to him as fast as he could put them down. When the train pulled into McAllen, the rough draft was complete. Although written in a remarkably short period of time, Tozer's passionate classic offers a deeper understanding of Biblical Truth and a personal encounter with the very Source of that Truth.



### Our Anglican Heritage

Taught by The Rev. Charlie Holt

An essential class on the Anglican tradition for anyone who has ever wondered what Anglicanism – the third largest branch of Christendom – is all about. Our Anglican Heritage gives voice to the strong and vibrant evangelical roots of Anglican Christianity. When events of the twenty-first century have threatened to tear the Communion apart, this study helps us connect to the rich heritage as we move into the future.



## Something for Everyone!



### Children's Sunday School

#### What Is Orange?

Not the color or the fruit but our new Children's Sunday School and KIDS' Church Curriculum! Take a sneak preview at [www.whatisorange.org](http://www.whatisorange.org) and see why we are so excited about 252 Basics, the Discipleship program for our children aged 4-10. Children enjoy games, Bible Stories, crafts, activities and prayer. Sunday School classes meet from 10:00-10:50 am.



### Nursery

Infants and Toddlers benefit from loving care, socialization with others and Bible Teachings geared for their own tender age in our Nursery Program. Nursery Staff offer care from 8:15 am - 12:15 pm each Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, and during most weekday Bible Studies and special events.

### Teacher Bios:

St. Peter's is pleased to have an outstanding group of dedicated disciple-makers. The teacher bios can be accessed online at [www.stpeterslakemary.org](http://www.stpeterslakemary.org) under Programs.

## Discipleship



By The Rev.  
Wes Sharp

Most dictionaries do not contain the word "discipleship". For some people it may conjure up an ancient master training the next Kung-Fu Panda and calling him his disciple. Christians may think of the Bible and the disciples of Jesus. In both cases the word refers to "one trained or instructed to follow the one teaching." Jesus and the Kung-Fu master did just that, they trained those around them to do what they did.

*Discipleship* produces *disciples* meaning that we "train and instruct" others on how to follow Christ. It is a lost art in our society, one which I would like to bring to your attention. Christ calls each of us to teach others; to disciple them.

Often, Christians try to reinvent the wheel as to how to make an impact in our culture. Meanwhile, those having the most impact are following the model established over 2,000 years ago by Jesus himself. According to Matthew 13 and John 6 Jesus taught the multitudes. While this transformed some people, many in the multitude remained unchanged. His greatest impact was on the smaller groups that he invested in during his ministry, the 72. And still the ones most impacted were His 12 closest disciples. Consider the model laid out by Jesus:

Jesus did it – they observed

Jesus did it – they helped

They did it – Jesus encouraged and coached

They did it – Jesus left!

As I look around our culture today, it seems we don't need a new way of making a difference. We need to rely on the old tried and true method that works. If we want to change the world for Christ it is time to follow the model that works and stop pretending there is an easier or better way. The question for you is, are you ready for the world around you to change? If so, let's get busy because we have a lot of work to do.

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Join us for worship: Saturdays at 5:00 pm; Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Sunday School meets from 10:00 - 10:50 am.

You are also invited to join us for a family-style supper Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, followed by classes on a wide range of topics to help you grow in the love and knowledge of the Lord. Nursery and childcare are provided.

Children receive a loving education in our Christian Preschool and Kindergarten. Our children's ministry offers activities for youth, middle and high school students.

There are also a number of small groups with a variety of interests, from Bible study to golf. Please contact the church office at 407-444-5673 or visit us on the web at [www.stpeterslakemary.org](http://www.stpeterslakemary.org) to connect.

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